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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that was offered...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Vrtiska, your light is next.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I just wanted to follow up a little bit on some of Senator Robak's statements. Being a member of a family whose wife incurred breast cancer several years ago, and living through the process of a series of radiation and all of the trauma that goes with it, I have to tell you that it is a difficult time. And if any way this bill can help to alleviate some of those problems, I'm sure that a family that's gone through this will understand that it's a difficult time, as any type of cancer is. But it appears to me, in reading the bill and understanding what's being put forth, that if early diagnosis...an early diagnosis is found and cut down the risk of further complications and the ensuing surgery that has to go with it, certainly it appears to me to be a very important piece of legislation and I would certainly rise in full support of this type of legislation. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Madam President and members. I rise to support LB 68. I think we have to look at LB 68 as a bill that will not cost the insurance companies any money. I think Senator Beutler is trying to say that he could buy a policy cheaper. But this will save lives and save money for insurance companies. I think this will also keep health care costs lower. Any time that you can stop something before it actually becomes a major health problem, that's designed to save money, and I think LB 68 is that type of a bill, it's something that will save money in the long run, and we need to do things like this. I've been very supportive of this bill and I really urge everyone to support LB 68. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Yes, I would like to reply to Senator Beutler's